

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)	:	Zuev, Konstantin; et al.
Application No.	:	10/603,216
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TITLE	:	A METHOD OF IMAGE PRE-ANALYZING OF A MACHINE-READABLE FORM OF NON-FIXED LAYOUT
Examiner	:	Aaron W. Carter
Art Unit	:	2624
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 12 OCTOBER 2011

This paper is responsive to the Office Action ("*Office Action*") of 12 October 2011, in which the Office alleges that claims 7 and 12 have improperly been marked withdrawn. The Applicant respectfully disagrees that marking the claims as "withdrawn" is improper. Applicant notes that there is no restriction on the use of "withdrawn" to only a situation of a restriction requirement in the MPEP, case law, or otherwise.

In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant herein cancels claim 12, adds claim 13, and amends claims 1 and 4-11. Claims 1-11 and 13 remain pending. Applicant hereby respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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